

# Compline: Night Prayer for the Feast of All Saints

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## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered for*

- the priests, Fr. Bamidele, and Revd. Steve,  
people and community of S. Stephen,  
Rednal, in the Birmingham Diocese*
- and for the Birmingham Methodist District.*

People of God, rejoice!  
Let us keep the feast  
in honour of God's saints,  
in whose victory the angels rejoice  
and glorify the Son of God.

## Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of reflection on the past day...*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

O God make speed to save us,  
O Lord, make haste to help us

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Alleluia**

## Hymn

For all the saints,  
who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith,  
before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock,  
their fortress and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain  
in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear  
their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia

O blest communion! Fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

*Text: William Walsham How  
Music: 'sine nomine', RVW  
HON New Anglican Edition 1996, no. 134*

## Psalmody

**Bless the Lord, O my soul**

Come bless the Lord,  
all you servants of the Lord,\*  
you that by night  
stand in the house of the Lord,\*

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary\*  
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth\*  
give you blessing out of Zion.\*

*Psalm 134*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul**

### ***Scripture reading***

After this I looked, and there was a great  
multitude that no one could count, from  
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and  
languages, standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm  
branches in their hands.

*Revelation 7: 9*

See what love the Father has given us, that we  
should be called children of God; and that is  
what we are.

*1 John 3: 1-3*

### ***Responsory***

Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings**

### ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)***

**O King most blessed,  
on the day of judgement  
number us among your chosen.**

**Now, Lord,  
you let your servant go in peace\*  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations\*  
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever,  
world without end. Amen**

**O King most blessed,  
on the day of judgement  
number us among your chosen.**

### ***Intercession...***

We are planted in love and built on love.  
With all the saints we are given the power to  
grasp the breadth, and the length, the height  
and the depth of Christ's love, which is  
beyond all telling.

Let us pray, therefore, saying,  
**Father be with your people**

O God, source of all holiness, the glory of  
your gift shines out in all your saints,  
Thank you for the riches of your grace,  
revealed in them.

Help us to grow in their example,  
to be strengthened by their prayer,  
and to uncover the gifts you have sown in our  
hearts to share in your world today.

Father, you drew the Saints unto yourself  
from all walks of life and all experience, and  
revealed through them the love and face of  
your Son.

Help us to journey in their footsteps in the hope and knowledge of your grace, mercy, and unending life

Father of all grace and mercy, we thank you that the Saints were human, just as we are. We thank you for their frailties and fragilities, for the richness of their stories.

We thank you for the hope we find in them that you have a part and a story for us all to weave in the glory of your creation and the harmony of the coming of your kingdom. We offer ourselves to you, and ask you to lead us on

Lord of heaven, we thank you for the prayers of the saints, for us and for this world. Help us to join our prayer and song to theirs, Wrapping your world in light and hope.

Give us hearts of thanksgiving to see you in each other, friend and stranger. We thank you that you call us all to free the saint you created within us, and to bear your love in this world, and to receive it from one another in your grace.

Pour your Holy Spirit upon your church especially as we once more enter a time of dispersal help our faith and hope to shine brightly as strength and nourishment as refuge and peace in the hurts of the world

We pray for our own church families.... and for the church family of S. Stephen in Rednal.... And for the Birmingham Methodist District...

We bring to you this night all those who weep, and wake, and watch, and pray. Those whose hearts are aching, anxious, afraid and who feel alone. And those who are trapped in the darkness of despair. We bring the fractures and stresses of our world for your healing touch.

We ask your strength and encouragement, wisdom and compassion, on all who guide and lead us, in church and in government, here and in all places in the world.

Father of all, we commend to you those who have died, we thank you that you greet them now and hold them in your unending love and mercy, and we pray for those who mourn, that we may know our love unending, held in yours.

And as night falls, we hold to the promise of your dawn. We commend ourselves, those whom we love and pray for, and all your beloved children to your safe keeping. Bless our resting with peace, and our waking with a hope and joy to share.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

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God of all people  
from every tribe and language;  
you call true witnesses  
who sing your praise,  
live your grace  
and work for peace:  
may we share their faith  
and know our need for you  
that we might be a blessing  
to the hunger of your world;  
through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.

*Fr. Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Canterbury Press, 2008*

## Collect

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### ***Blessing and departure***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord,  
make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand  
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ**

May the light of Christ, the King of all,  
shine ever brighter in our hearts,  
that with all the saints in light  
we may shine forth as lights in the world.  
**Amen.**

### ***Salve Regina***

Hail O Queen, mother of mercy;  
our life, our sweetness and our hope, hail.  
To you do we cry,  
the banished children of Eve;  
to you do we sigh,  
lamenting and weeping in this vale of tears;  
therefore, our advocate,  
your eyes of mercy turn towards us,  
and Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb,  
to us, after this exile, reveal.  
O clement, O devoted, O sweet virgin Mary.

Pray for us, holy mother of God.

**May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen**